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Appl. No. 10/031,040  
Amdt. Dated December 12, 2003  
Reply to Office action of June 13, 2003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/031,040  
Applicant : Philippe Hocquet, et al.  
Filed : September 11, 2002  
Title : TOWED LINE FLOATER

TC/A.U. : 3617  
Examiner : Stephen Avila

Docket No. : 34323

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated June 13, 2003 (Paper No. 7). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expired on September 13, 2003. Accordingly, petition is hereby made to extend the period for response three months to December 13, 2003. A check in the amount of \$986.00 is enclosed for the fee associated with the three-month extension (\$950.00) and the fee associated with the addition of two claims in excess of twenty (\$36.00).

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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